

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rainfall and cooler temperatures blanketed much of the State for a second consecutive week, limiting fieldwork while boosting soil moisture levels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. All reporting weather stations accumulated measureable moisture, with 17 stations totaling over an inch of rainfall. Clovis, at 3.62 inches, noted the largest accumulation during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 74 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 39 percent last week, 20 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 30 percent. Although moisture was widespread across the State, rainfall totals within some counties continued to vary considerably, with some cases of continued dryness noted in isolated areas. Average temperatures ranged from 14 degrees below to 1 degree above normal. Daytime highs varied from 76 degrees at Angel Fire and Chama to 102 degrees at Acme. Overnight lows ranged from 38 degrees at Angel Fire to 66 degrees at NMSU, Roswell, and Santa Teresa. Hay harvesting in Curry County was brought to a virtual standstill due to saturated fields. It was noted that at least one winter wheat field in Union County had been seeded, the crop emerged, and was being grazed. Grazing prospects improved following a bump in pasture and range conditions which were reported as 37 percent good to excellent Statewide, compared with 31 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 22 percent. Pecan nut set was reported as 8 percent heavy, 76 percent moderate, and 16 percent light, compared with 3 percent heavy, 76 percent moderate, and 21 percent light last year. Overall, hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate, and 4 percent light, compared with 1 percent moderate and 1 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent severe, 4 percent moderate, and 9 percent light, compared with 1 percent moderate and 4 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	86	74	78	83
4 th cutting harvested.....	55	45	41	46
5 th cutting harvested.....	12	2	3	4
Chile				
Green harvested.....	22	16	10	9
Corn				
Silking	68	54	71	69
Dough.....	11	3	15	16
Corn harvested for silage.....	1	NA	1	2
Cotton				
Squaring	79	70	91	91
Setting bolls.....	40	31	60	60
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	69	49	41	45
Sorghum				
Headed	30	11	20	17
Coloring	2	--	1	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.0	6.5	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	28	18	29
Short.....	19	33	62	41
Adequate	65	35	19	29
Surplus	9	4	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	33	18	NA
Short.....	25	31	42	NA
Adequate	59	34	40	NA
Surplus	1	2	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	10	10	3	6
Fair.....	19	23	43	29
Good	68	61	47	53
Excellent	3	6	7	10
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	2	5	7	NA
Fair.....	52	40	21	NA
Good	39	34	47	NA
Excellent	7	21	24	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	8	10	2	1
Poor.....	5	5	3	4
Fair.....	20	27	31	31
Good	44	41	49	41
Excellent	23	17	15	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	7	7	2	1
Poor.....	4	4	23	7
Fair.....	43	52	34	36
Good	40	31	33	35
Excellent	6	6	8	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	5	3	22
Poor.....	24	23	23	25
Fair.....	35	41	47	31
Good	29	28	24	19
Excellent	8	3	3	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	4	5	5	9
Fair.....	79	70	70	71
Good	17	25	25	16
Excellent	--	--	--	2
Pecan				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	--
Poor.....	--	2	--	--
Fair.....	4	5	6	23
Good	88	79	38	57
Excellent	8	12	56	20
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	10	13	--	8
Poor.....	8	10	3	13
Fair.....	47	52	77	40
Good	32	23	19	37
Excellent	3	2	1	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	NA
Poor.....	2	1	4	NA
Fair.....	31	31	37	NA
Good	58	57	52	NA
Excellent	8	11	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	5	12	NA
Poor.....	5	6	13	NA
Fair.....	25	24	20	NA
Good	61	61	50	NA
Excellent	4	4	5	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_08062017.pdf